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IN RE APPLICATION OF: Zero Maintenance )  
International Corporation )  
ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.: 205377-0007 )  
SERIAL NO.: 09/755,208 )  
FILING DATE: January 5, 2001 )  
ENTITLED: METHOD FOR PREDICTING ) ATTENTION OF:  
MACHINE OR PROCESS ) Examiner  
FAULTS AND AUTOMATED )  
SYSTEM FOR )  
IMPLEMENTING SAME )

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Dear Sir:

- [x] AUTHORIZATION TO PAY AND PETITION FOR THE ACCEPTANCE OF ANY NECESSARY FEES. If any charges or fees must be paid in connection with the following Communication (including but not limited to the payment of issue fees), they may be paid out of our deposit account No. 501965. If this payment also requires a Petition, please construe this authorization to pay as the necessary Petition which is required to accompany the payment.
- [ ] Applicant hereby petitions the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated \_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_ months from \_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_. Submitted herewith is our check no. \_\_\_\_ for the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ to cover the cost of the extension for a small entity. If a check is lost, or otherwise does not accompany this Petition, please charge my deposit account number 501965 in the appropriate amount to cover the cost of the extension. Any deficiency or overpayment should be charged or credited to the above numbered deposit account.

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Pursuant to Applicant's duty to disclose information which may be pertinent to the prosecution of the above-identified application, applicant encloses herewith a photocopy of the PCT International Search Report with its particulars in English and copies of the items cited therein.

I hereby certify that each item of information contained in this information disclosure statement was cited in a communication in the counterpart PCT application not more than three months prior to the filing of this statement. The PCT search report issued on May 31, 2002, and I first received a copy of the report on June 10, 2002.

Applicant's attorney also wishes to inform the Examiner that the firm Laff, Whitesel & Saret, Ltd. has, effective June 1, 2001, combined with the firm Michael Best & Friedrich LLC, under which name it is now known. All other contact information remains the same.

Respectfully submitted,

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